

## WOLTER SUSPECTED OF MANY CRIMES

New York Authorities Think  
German Youth May Be  
White Slave Driver.

## MANY GIRLS' NAMES FOUND IN DIARY

Katchen Mueller Gives Damaging  
Evidence Against Youth Ac-  
cused of Fiendish Crime.

NEW YORK, March 28.—While Albert Wolter, from his cell in the Tombs, defiantly denies to the officials that he knows anything of Ruth Wheeler, the fifteen-year-old girl, who was slain in his flat and then burned to a charred mass, the police are weaving about him a chain of circumstantial evidence.

In addition to the death of the Wheeler girl, the police are trying to fasten upon the German youth a series of revolting crimes, which will show him up in the light of a king of the drivers of white slaves.

Katchen Mueller, Wolter's pseudo wife, who supported the youth, and who lived with him in the flat on East Seventy-fifth street, where the girl was killed and burned, has been arrested by the police and has given damaging evidence against Wolter.

She has given, too, the names of a number of young girls whom she said Wolter knew, and the police are looking them up, believing they will be able to show that the youth for a long while has preyed upon women and has even gone to the point of destroying some of them who refused to become his slaves.

Employed Wheeler Girl.

The police have obtained from Wolter's room a memorandum book which they believe will disclose further evidence against the prisoner.

It was in this book that was found the memorandum that Wolter had employed Ruth Wheeler, fifteen, as stenographer at \$7 a week.

Wolter, when arrested denied that he had ever heard of the Wheeler girl. This book contains the names of dozens of other New York girls with their addresses, and detectives are seeking these, to learn if they became Wolter's victims.

Captain Hughes, in charge of the East Sixty-seventh street police station, who is in active charge of the case, said today he believed the pasty-complexioned German youth was the active head of a band of men and women who trafficked in white slaves, Wolter's task being to lure young girls to his apartments.

Dead for Some Time.

Coroner Holtzhauser, who has held Wolter to the grand jury without bail, on the charge of murder, said today that Ruth Wheeler was dead when placed in the fireplace in which her slayer sought to burn her body and thus hide the traces of his crime. He added many details which showed the fiendish brutality of the crime.

"Ruth Wheeler's slayer was a degenerate," he said. "I believe he trafficked in girls, luring them to his rooms by means of advertisements.

"Ruth Wheeler went to Wolter's apartment in search of work. Her slayer probably attracted her, and she screamed. The man instantly seized her by the throat to stop her outcries. Probably without intention, he killed her. Then, to make assurance doubly sure, he tied a piece of rope around her neck and twisted it fiendishly so that it cut deep into the flesh.

"Realizing what he had done, the murderer sought to hide the evidences of his crime.

"He doubled up her body with her knees under her chin, and tied it together with a piece of wire. Then he built a big charcoal fire in the grate and kept it going with oil. He tried to thrust the girl's body in, but it was too large.

Hacked at Body.

"An examination of the girl's body shows that the brute then took a knife and cut the body to fit the fireplace. Then he literally broke the bones by bending them probably over his knee.

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DEATHS  
CLARK—On Sunday, March 27, 1910, at 10:15 a. m., at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. A. Murphy, 1610 Montello avenue northeast, JOSEPH A. CLARK, beloved husband of the late Margaret Clark, in his fifty-ninth year.

Funeral from his residence on Tuesday, March 29, at 2 p. m. Interment at Prospect Cemetery.

(New York, Norfolk, and Richmond papers please copy.)

COLTON—On Sunday, March 27, 1910, at 12:40 a. m., at his residence, 2528 University place northwest, HARVEY V. COLTON, husband of Alvera V. Colton, in his seventy-fifth year.

Funeral from his late residence, Tuesday, March 29, at 2:30 p. m. Interment at Arlington, private.

MARRIS—On Saturday, March 26, 1910, at 5 p. m., at the home for the aged, JULIA A. MARRIS, aged sixty-nine years.

Funeral from chapel of Frank Geier's Sons, 1113 Seventh street northwest, Tuesday, March 29, at 9 a. m. Requisite mass at St. Mary's church at 9:30. Friends invited. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

KENNEDY—On March 27, 1910, at the residence of her son, Edgar S. Kennedy, 2022 Dumbarton avenue, Mrs. ELLEN M. KENNEDY, aged eighty-two years, beloved wife of James F. H. Kennedy.

Funeral services will be held at her late home, Orange, Va.

O'CONNELL—Sunday, March 27, 1910, at 8:42 a. m., at his residence, 2810 Georgia avenue northwest JOHN O'CONNELL, in his sixty-sixth year.

Funeral from his late residence, Tuesday, March 29, at 3 p. m. Interment private.

OTIS—On Sunday, March 27, 1910, at 7:20 p. m., at his residence, 69 J street northwest, CHARLES W. OTIS, in the fifty-eighth year of his age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

STIDHAM—On Sunday, March 27, 1910, at her residence, 1217 Kingman place, ELIZABETH B. widow of William F. Stidham.

Funeral Tuesday, March 29, at 2 p. m. Interment private.

WILLIS—Departed this life Monday, March 28, 1910, at 5:20 a. m., at his residence, 1021 Nineteenth street northwest, WILLIAM A. WILLIS, husband of Henrietta Parker Willis.

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"He burned the arms and legs completely up, though we have found the bones in the fireplace. The torso did not burn so easily, and he placed it in a burlap bag, wrapped in a shirt.

"Katchen Mueller admitted to us that the burlap bag had long been in the flat as a rug in front of the kitchen stove."

"Why were there no blood stains in the flat if the body was dismembered there?" Coroner Holtzhauser was asked.

"There were blood stains lots of them," he said. "The assailant probably spread paper out on the floor before he cut up the body and in that way kept the blood off parts of the carpet. But in front of the newly painted fireplace the old carpet had been freshly washed with hot water, to remove the blood stains. That part of the carpet was clean, the rest was filthy."

John H. Larkin, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, will make a report as to the treatment of the girl before her death.

Indictment Expected.

It is expected that the grand jury within a day or two will hand down an indictment, charging Wolter with first degree murder. The police say they are satisfied that Katchen Mueller is innocent of any complicity in the crime, although she will be held as a material witness in the house of detention. The police, though, when Adelaide Wheeler, the sister of the dead girl, came seeking Ruth.

After Adelaide was gone, Katchen declared, she chided Wolter for having other girls in the apartment, and he said he had summoned Ruth Wheeler as a "joke."

This is regarded as damaging evidence against the youth, who has all along maintained that he never saw the girl. During this time, the police believe, the body of Miss Wheeler was still in the fireplace, which was then covered by a zinc blower, over which, as if to hide something—perhaps bloodstains—Wolter has pasted a big show lithograph.

It was thought today a coroner's inquest would be held. This will be a mere formality and Wolter will be remanded to the Tombs without bail to await grand jury action.

## GEORGETOWN BOY GETS APPOINTMENT

John H. Hood, a Georgetown boy, has received his appointment as second lieutenant in the United States Coast Artillery. Mr. Hood, who is a graduate of Georgetown University, took the examination recently held in this city, and notice of his appointment reached him last week. In the examination there were more than one hundred students, out of which Mr. Hood passed third. Mr. Hood is a grandson of Mrs. John H. Hood, 2512 N street northwest.

OVERCOME BY GAS,  
VICTIM IN HOSPITAL

James H. Vermillion, seventy years old, was accidentally overcome by illuminating gas in his room, at 624 H street northwest. He was taken to the Emergency hospital in an unconscious condition. His condition is regarded as serious.

## REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS.

EASTON, Pa., March 28.—Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Stroudsburg, delivered the address at the Eagles' annual memorial services of Easton this afternoon.

The Vital Records.

Births.  
Frederick S. and Bertha C. Benham, boy.

John G. and Nellie Hempel, boy.  
Gustav and Catharine E. Graff, boy.  
George L. and Leola V. Robinson, girl.  
John and Bessie M. Burleson, boy.  
John T. and Elizabeth G. Allison, boy.  
Michael J. and Edith F. Frank, girl.  
John T. and Angela B. Nicholas, boy.  
George and Martha E. Fisher, boy.  
James S. and Alcester E. Cahill, girl.  
Rudolph and Catherine Rehnage, girl.  
John E. and Lottie M. Pope, girl.  
John William and Cora E. Crampton, girl.

Marriage Licenses.  
Domaleto and Denechie Coscano, girl.  
Charles W. and Minnie W. Robey, girl.  
Groschino and Filomano Garofano, boy.

Robert F. Maguire, of Medford, Ore., and Ruth G. Kimball, of Boston, Mass.

Samuel S. Cook and Mary T. Ward, of Washington.

Roy E. Niswander and Coralie Montgomery, of Washington.

Carroll M. Barrier and Ethel M. LaBarre, of Washington.

Richard H. Sinclair and Anna M. Depenbrock, of Washington.

Robert G. Britton and Mabel Pickels, of Richmond, Va.

Maurice L. Wolfe, of Hudson, N. Y., and Mary W. Thome, of Lexington, Va.

James W. Saunders and Lena T. Baldwin, of Washington.

Frederick W. Torrence, Jr., and Aylene Martin, of Richmond, Va.

Harold B. Hoots and Mary E. Sheridan, of Washington.

Deaths.  
William Wright, 65 years, Government Hospital for the Insane.

Hattie Lawrence, 42 years, 223 Westminster street northwest.

Rowland Curdin Cheeseman, 71 years, 118 V street northwest.

Alice Murrell Roth, 24 years, 234 Eleventh street southeast.

Robert Winton Belt, 68 years, 1848 Biltmore street northwest.

Isabelle P. Childress, 68 years, 501 G street southeast.

Joseph F. Welch, 29 years, 2218 M street northwest.

Mary F. Norman, 72 years, 1224 Twenty-ninth street northwest.

Josephine Smith, 52 years, 4129 Conduit road, D. C.

Marie Charlotte Ruppert, 8 years, 623 C street southeast.

John George Hafferman, 6 months, rear of 1610 L street northwest.

Leola Baldwin Franz, 11 months 13 days, 1621 First street northwest.

Margaret G. Wheeler, 11 months 6 days, 48 M street southwest.

Jane A. Bailey, 76 years, 1353 Georgia avenue northwest.

Harvey V. Colton, 74 years, 2523 University place.

Mary S. Dovers, 77 years, 424 P street northwest.

Julia A. Harris, 69 years, Home for the Aged, Third and H streets northeast.

John O'Connell, 65 years, 2610 Georgia avenue northwest.

## NEW POLICE JUDGE



JAMES L. PUGH.

## SCORE OF INCENDIARY FIRES

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 28.—The twentieth incendiary fire of the last two weeks in New Haven today has left in ruins a building in East street. During this time, the police believe, the body of Miss Wheeler was still in the fireplace, which was then covered by a zinc blower, over which, as if to hide something—perhaps bloodstains—Wolter has pasted a big show lithograph.

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## AMERICANS AT COURT.

DRESDEN, March 28.—Gustave Scholze, third secretary of the American embassy at Berlin, Mrs. Scholze, and Miss Josephine Kaimann, of St. Paul, Minn., today will attend the Easter Monday court and concert. The American consul general, Mr. T. St. John Gaffney, has arranged for their presentation to King Frederick and the other members of the royal family.

## JAMES PUGH NAMED POLICE COURT JUDGE

Assistant Corporation Council  
Will Succeed Ivory  
G. Kimball.

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of a generous-hearted disposition. I am very much pleased to hear that he has been appointed. He was the logical man for the Police Court bench."

Deputy Clerk of the Court Harper said that Mr. Pugh knows more about the District rules and regulations than any other man in the District of Columbia, and that he has a good judicial mind that will be of value to him in the new place which he is called upon to fill.

The appointment gives general satisfaction among the court officials, all of whom believe Mr. Pugh to be well fitted for the position. His familiarity with Police Court business and procedure having been acquired by almost twenty years of service in the court.

## SAN LEO MENAGED BY LAVA STREAM

CATANIA, March 28.—A fresh and vigorous eruption of Mt. Etna began this afternoon after a subsidence of twenty-four hours.

The new eruption is almost as violent as that of Friday and Saturday and is accompanied by loud rumblings, which add to the terror of the already distracted populace.

A lava stream is now threatening its way through San Leo and will probably entirely destroy the city. The people have all fled.

NAPLES, March 28.—Rumblings and earthquakes, loud and long, and of a particularly terrifying nature, have been followed by the opening of five fissures near the central crater of Mt. Vesuvius out of which columns of smoke are pouring.

## DEMOCRATS WAVER IN SUFFRAGE PLAN

Party Whip May Be Required  
to Pass Maryland  
Legislation.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 28.—Though many of the Democratic members of the Maryland Legislature who voted in caucus for the Digges plan to refuse registration to all colored applicants on the ground that the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution is invalid are distinctly wavering, and are inclined to the view that they erred, the prospects are that the proposed constitutional amendment with subsidiary legislation to carry out the plan will be carried through during the week.

The Democrats have more than the required three-fifths vote in each house and the party whip is likely to keep them in line.

It is intended that the bill will be introduced by Delegate Digges during the session of today. In fact, it is necessary that it should be started under way at once. As the session is now within the limits of the ten days before the end during which bills cannot be introduced without suspension of the rules, the two-thirds vote for this purpose must be forthcoming. Failing in this, the bill can be put before the body as an amendment to some other bill. Under rules each of the three readings must take place on separate legislative days.

While the Republicans can do effective work toward delaying its passage, it is likely that the bill can be jammed through under a motion for the previous question, which is allowed in both branches.

It has been suggested that the Republicans have an excellent chance of defeating the proposed amendment by insisting upon the reading of all bills. This, however, would sacrifice their local legislation. Should the passage of the amendment be stopped Governor Crothers could and probably would call an extra session.

The adverse comments of many of the Democratic United States Senators upon the efforts to disregard the Fifteenth Amendment, have somewhat shaken the determination of the Maryland leaders and may lead to a modification of their plans.

## PRISONER'S RELEASE SOUGHT BY CONDON

Secretary Knox Will Be Asked to  
Use Influence in Dillon's  
Behalf.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 28.—Following an appeal by Captain Edward O'Meara Condon, the Irish patriot, now in the city, that an effort made to secure the release of Luke Dillon, who is held a political prisoner in Canada, John J. Leonard Court, M. C. O. F., has named a committee to draw up resolutions with this end in view and send them to Secretary of State Knox in Washington.

In the resolutions the United States Government will be asked to use its influence to secure the freedom of Dillon.

## HARVARD SCIENTIST DEAD.

BALTIMORE, March 28.—Prof. J. Raynor Edmunds, of the observatory staff of Harvard University, is dead of paralysis at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. The body will be sent to his home in Cambridgeport, and the burial will be in that city.

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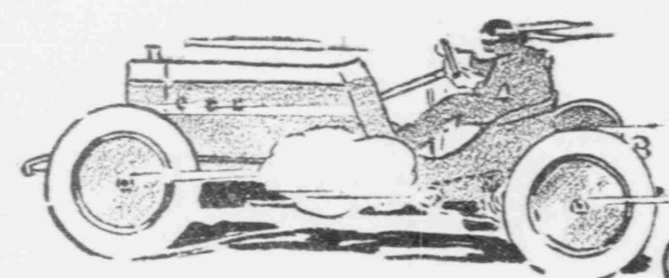
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